

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ME-55CON

Applicant : Jürgen Ammann  
Serial No. : NOT YET KNOWN  
Filed : CONCURRENTLY HERewith  
For : METHOD OF DETERMINING A REMAINING OPERATING TIME  
OF A POTENTIOMETRIC MEASURING PROBE, APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING THE METHOD, AND USE OF THE APPARATUS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

After the title insert:

This application is a continuation application of International  
application PCT/IB01/02330 filed December 6, 2001.